

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Claim Status

Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12, 14, 15 and 17-20 are pending. Claims 1-4, 7-10, and 17-20 are amended.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 112

Claims 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In response, claims 19 and 20 are amended to recite that "a strength or a quality of a current signal is above a predetermined threshold," which is fully-supported in FIG. 2 and paragraphs 0054-0058 of applicant's published application. Thus, the rejection under 35 USC 112, first paragraph should be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 102

Claims 1-4, 7-10, 14, 15, 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Cuffaro (US 5,999,814). In response, applicant traverses the rejections.

Amended claim 1 recites:

A wireless communication terminal comprising:

...

a determination section that determines whether or not handoff is to be performed based on a measurement result of the measurement section and a threshold value of the determination of the handoff; and

wherein the determination section determines whether the handoff section has performed a predetermined repetition pattern of handoffs, and changes the threshold value of the determination of the handoff if it is determined that the handoff section has performed the predetermined repetition pattern of handoffs.

Support for the amendment is in, for example, the published application at paragraph 0061. (See the Advisory Action dated May 6, 2011).

Cuffaro generally relates to handling oscillating mobile station handoffs between cells in a cellular telecommunication network, but does not teach or suggest at least the above limitations. In this regard, the Advisory Action states:

In column 2 lines 35-65, column 3 lines 58-67, [column] 4 lines 1-46, [column] 6 lines 40-67, which teach determination of a mobile station MS experiencing of oscillating handoff based on measured signals. If the measured signals are below a threshold value, a regular handoff is performed. If the measured signals are above [applicant notes, the same] threshold value, other factors are taken into considerations"

As shown above, Cuffaro does not teach or suggest changing the "threshold value of the determination of the handoff." (Instead, factors additional to the same threshold value are

considered.) Further, nothing in the quoted section would indicate that the threshold value of handoff is changed on Cuffaro.

Claims 7, 17, and 18 include similar limitations as those of claim 1 discussed above. Since Cuffaro does not disclose each and every feature of independent claims 1, 7, 17 and 18, it cannot anticipate those claims or claims 2-4, 8-10, 14 and 15 dependent thereon. The rejections under 35 USC 102 should therefore be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC 103

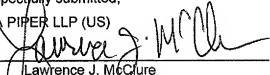
Claims 6 and 12 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over Cuffaro in view of Yun (US 7,016,323). In response, applicant traverses the rejections. Claims 6 and 12 depend from claims 1 and 7 and are allowable for the same reasons as claims 1 and 7. In this regard, Yun relates to transmitting forward link data to a handoff mobile station in a CDMA communication system, and does not remedy the deficiencies of Cuffaro with respect to claims 1 and 7. For these reasons, the rejections of claims 6 and 12 under 35 USC 103(a) should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

This application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to resolve any issues that remain after entry of this amendment. Any fees due with this response may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 07-1896.

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